Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A circular power saw (10), composed of a saw assembly (12) with a housing (14, 16) that encloses a motor and a saw blade (18) configured to be ~~capable of being~~ driven by the motor, whereby the saw assembly (12) is pivotably supported relative to a footplate (22) such that it is adjustable ~~can be adjusted~~ between a minimum and maximum cutting depth, wherein the saw assembly (12) is configured to be ~~capable of~~ automatically ~~being~~ substantially or fully decoupled from handling forces which act on the saw blade (18)[[—]] ~~in particularly~~ from the handle (24)[[—]] during sawing.

2. (currently amended) The circular power saw as recited in Claim 1, wherein the saw assembly (12) is configured to be ~~capable of being~~ coupled or decoupled via a force-dependent coupling (44).

3. (currently amended) The circular power saw as recited in Claim 1, wherein the saw is configured to be ~~capable of being~~ handled and guided using only the handle (24), which is connected to the swivel arm (36) in a fixed manner.

4. (original) The circular power saw as recited in Claim 1, wherein the saw assembly (12) is supported on the swivel arm (36) such that the cutting depth is adjustable independently of the handle (24).

5. (currently amended) A circular power saw (10), composed of a saw assembly (12) with a housing (14, 16) that encloses a motor and a saw blade (18) configured to be ~~capable of being~~ driven by the motor, and a handle (24), whereby the saw assembly (12) is pivotably supported relative to a footplate (22) such that it is adjustable ~~can be adjusted~~ around an axis (20) between a minimum and maximum cutting depth, ~~in particular according to claim 1,~~ wherein each cutting depth position of the saw assembly (12) is releasably lockable in position using an overload coupling (44), the direction of release being toward the minimum cutting depth.

6. (currently amended) A circular power saw (10), composed of a saw assembly (12) with a housing (14, 16) that encloses a motor and a saw blade (18) configured to be ~~capable of being~~ driven by the motor, and a handle (24), whereby the saw assembly (12) is pivotably supported relative to a footplate (22) such that it is adjustable ~~can be adjusted~~ around an axis (20) between a minimum and maximum cutting depth, wherein each cutting depth position of the saw assembly (12) is releasably lockable in position using an overload coupling (44), the direction of release being toward the minimum cutting depth and wherein the overload coupling (44) is configured ~~designed~~ as detent coupling (40, 42) and is located on the side of the protective hood (16) facing away from the axis (20).

7. (currently amended) A circular power saw (10), composed of a saw assembly (12) with a housing (14, 16) that encloses a motor and a saw blade (18) capable of

being driven by the motor, whereby the saw assembly (12) is pivotably supported relative to a footplate (22) such that it can be adjusted between a minimum and maximum cutting depth, wherein the saw assembly (12) is configured to be ~~capable of being~~ substantially decoupled from handling forces which act on the saw blade (18)[[—]] ~~in particularly~~ from the handle (24)[[—]] during sawing, wherein the saw assembly (12) is supported on the swivel arm (36) such that the cutting depth is adjustable independently of the handle (24) and wherein the detent coupling (40, 42) is composed of a locking piece (40) that is grippable at the rear by a detent piece (42).

8. (currently amended) The circular power saw as recited in Claim 6, wherein the locking piece (40) and the detent piece (42) have matching bearing surfaces (52, 54) that are configured to bear ~~capable of bearing~~ against each other at a certain identical angle extending in the direction of the release force, whereby the angle is selected such that the locking piece (40) and the detent piece (42) automatically come apart when a certain minimum force is applied which moves the saw assembly (12) into the cutting depth position "0".

9. (currently amended) A circular power saw (10), composed of a saw assembly (12) with a housing (14, 16) that encloses a motor and a saw blade (18) configured to be ~~capable of being~~ driven by the motor, whereby the saw assembly (12) is pivotably supported relative to a footplate (22) such that it is adjustable ~~can be adjusted~~ between a minimum and maximum cutting depth, wherein the saw

assembly (12) is configured to be ~~capable of being~~ substantially decoupled from handling forces which act on the saw blade (18) [[—]] ~~in particularly~~ from the handle (24) [[—]] during sawing, wherein the saw assembly (12) is supported on the swivel arm (36) such that the cutting depth is adjustable independently of the handle (24), and wherein the force that releases the detent coupling (44) is defined by a lift spring (48) and a coupling spring (46), so that the release force depends on the cutting depth setting.

10. (currently amended) ~~The circular power saw as recited in Claim 2,~~ A circular power saw (10), composed of a saw assembly (12) with a housing (14, 16) that encloses a motor and a saw blade (18) configured to be driven by the motor, whereby the saw assembly (12) is pivotably supported relative to a footplate (22) such that it is adjustable between a minimum and maximum cutting depth, wherein the saw assembly (12) is configured to be automatically substantially or fully decouplable from handling forces which act on the saw blade (18) from the handle during sawing, wherein the saw assembly (12) is configured to be coupled or decoupled via a force-dependent coupling (44), and wherein the force-dependent coupling (44) is the saw assembly (12) with cutting-depth adjusting means (38, 39, 45), so that, if kickback occurs, the cutting-depth adjusting means (38, 39, 45) are detachable, so that the saw assembly (12) can then move out of the way in a manner that minimizes the cutting depth.